

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

With claims 3-7 and 9-34 having been allowed, all pending claims have been allowed.

Claims 3-7 and 9-34 are pending and under consideration.

ENTRY OF AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

In accordance with the Examiner's helpful comments, claims 1, 2, and 8 have been canceled. Allowance is now respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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